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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT

1. BALTIMORE SUN, AUGUST 18: AMERICAN PUBLIC IS "PROPERLY CHARY" ABOUT THIS COMMITMENT AND DESERVES A PUBLIC AIRING OF ALL DETAILS. SECRETARY IS APPLAUDED FOR SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

2. WALL STREET JOURNAL, AUGUST 21: EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT WE ARE "BUYING THE PEACE" WITH AID, MILITARY GEAR, AND THE TECHNICIANS. FAVORS RETURN TO THE "ROLE OF AN HONEST BROKER BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES."

3. WASHINGTON POST, AUGUST 24: "NO QUARREL IN THEORY WITH THE COMMITMENT OF TECHNICIANS...SEES LITTLE VALIDITY IN THE VIETNAM ANALOGY...ADMITS RISKS, BUT ONE'S WORTH TAKING."

4. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, AUGUST 26: SAYS TECHNICIANS IN SINAI ARE "FAR DIFFERENT FROM VIETNAM", CITING REASONS FOR THIS. "...IF THE U.S. CAN FOSTER PEACE THERE THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF 200 OF ITS CIVILIANS, IT OUGHT TO SEIZE THE
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OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO."

5. WASHINGTON STAR, AUGUST 27: HEADLINED "SENTINELS OR HOSTAGES?" "DISTURBED" BY POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND "HARD TO IMAGINE WHY AMERICANS ARE ESSENTIAL".

6. CHICAGO TRIBUNE, AUGUST 27: "PEACE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL -- WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- IS WELL WORTH SENDING A HANDFUL OF AMERICANS TO SIT IN THE DESERT." INGERSOLL

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